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1930 Bugatti Type 49 Coupe "The Berlin Bugatti"

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£1,750,000.00

Engine Size (in ccm)	**3,300**	**Fuel**	**Petrol**
Mileage	**85,587 Miles**	**Model Year**	**1931**
Transmission	**--**		

Description

1930 Bugatti Type 49 Coupe "The Berlin Bugatti" Chassis Number: 49194 Registration Number: WRD49T Supplied to Bugatti agent Bucar of Zurich on 23rd Dec 1930 and driven there on temporary licence plate 1766-WW5 Owners: Kitty St Clair Abry (nee Holbrook) 31.5 1932-1973 JMG Michelsen and Tony Gosnell, London 1973—18.6 1980 Anthony Reginald Wilson, Hampshire, England 18.6 1980- 12.4.1983 Walter Spilsbury, Huntingdon, NY, USA 24.6. 1983-12.4.1998 Terry Spilsbury, Lyme, CT, USA 12.4.1998—2007 Frances Grant, Harrison, NY 2007-2009 Jaap Braam Ruben, Belgium 2009-7.9.2010 John _____, N. Ireland 7.9.2010 - The story of the Bugatti kept longest by its first owner, and what it continued to mean to her after the death of her husband, who bought it for her, as the remaining connection to him. This is the only Type 49 bodied by Bugatti, to a design by Jean Bugatti. The Type 49 was regarded by many as the best driving of Bugatti touring cars. Exhibited at the Berlin Motor Show, where it was bought as a gift for Kitty St Clair Holbrook by Roger Abry, on their engagement. Kept, and well used, by Kitty at her estate near Nice, with its continuous history evidenced through the accumulation of files of relevant contemporary documentation. Partly dismantled during the war years, preventing its use by German forces. Sought out by Fritz Schlumpf who made a number of unsuccessful attempts to buy the car for his own collection. Only eventually sold by Kitty in her old age to someone she had confidence in. Records for many years of maintenance and repair attest to its high degree of originality The car is now one of the 'stars' of John's collection, sharing space with several other notable cars. A very careful examination of the car and all the accompanying documents supported the remarkable degree of

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originality. Still finished in its striking original colour scheme, almost all components remain as fitted when the car left the factory, the only obvious, and relatively minor, change being an electric fuel pump fitted early in the car's life due to the unreliability of the original autoflux system. Several areas were identified where work hadn't been carried out to Bugatti standards, or the sometimes unusual construction methods hadn't been fully understood, and every attempt has now been made to leave everything operating exactly as it should. Although many T49s were fitted from new with aluminium wheels, the wire wheels, covered by wheel discs, on Kitty's car are correct for an early car and were an advantage for the relatively rough back roads of the Riviera which could have caused cracking. Viewings are by appointment near Belfast.

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Manufacturer	Bugatti
Model	OTHER
Type	Saloon
Doors	--
Number of Seats	--
Colour	Other
Mileage	85,587 Miles
First Registration Date	14/04/1970
Model Year	1931
Condition	Used
Engine Size (in ccm)	3,300
Transmission	--
Fuel	Petrol
Emission class	--

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